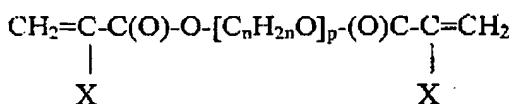


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1) Please cancel paragraph 35 and substitute in its place the [0036] below:

[0035] Illustrative of such crosslinking agents, of divinylbenzenes, 1,3 or 1,4 -diisopropenyl benzene, polyalcohol (meth)acrylates, such as trimethylolpropane triacrylate or trimethacrylate, allyl acrylate or methacrylate, alkylene glycol diacrylates or dimethacrylates having 2 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkylene chain and in particular ethylene glycol diacrylate or dimethacrylate, 1,4-butanediol diacrylate or dimethacrylate or 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate or dimethacrylate, or polyoxyalkylene glycol diacrylate or dimethacrylate of formula



in which X represents a hydrogen atom or the methyl radical, n is an integer ranging from 2 to 4 and p is an integer ranging from 2 to 20 and in particular polyoxyethylene glycol diacrylate or dimethacrylate in which the polyoxyethylene radical has a molecular mass of approximately 400 (abovementioned formula with n=2 and p=9).

2) Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

An improved impact modifier for polymers, such as PBT and blends thereof, is disclosed. The impact modifier is a blend of (A) a core/shell additive having a core based on alkyl acrylate, on a polyorganosiloxane rubber or a blend thereof and a shell based on poly(alkyl methacrylate), or on a styrene-acrylonitrile copolymer grafted onto the core; and (B) a linear copolymer which contains from 50 to 85 parts of units derived from ethylene, from 5 to 40 parts of units derived from (meth)acrylic esters, and from 2 to 10 parts of a copolymerizable monomer containing an epoxy group. The impact strength provided by the impact modifier blend is unexpectedly higher than the impact strength provided by each individual component of the blend.

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